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STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR
ON ANNOUNCED CLOSING OF SARA LEE PLANTS IN WEST POINT

“This is clearly bad news for Clay County and the surrounding area. The state will respond aggressively by immediately offering job search services and training opportunities through the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and, more importantly, by efforts to replace these jobs by bringing in new industries, such as SeverCorr and American Eurocopter.”